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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH SWEDISH DISARMAMENT EXPERT

1. MRS. INGA THORSSON, A LEADING SYMBOL OF SWEDISH DEVOTION TO WORLD DISARMAMENT, MET WITH AMBASSADOR AND POLCOUNS ON OCTOBER 26 AT HER MFA OFFICE AT HER REQUEST. HER PURPOSE WAS EVIDENTLY TWOFOLD: (A) TO INITIATE A GENERAL DIALOGUE, MAINLY AN INFORMATION-SHARING EXERCISE, WITH THE EMBASSY ON DISARMAMENT MATTERS; AND (B) TO BRIEF THE AMBASSADOR ON SWEDISH HOPES AND EFFORTS ON SPECIFIC DISARMAMENT ISSUES OF MAJOR CONCERN TO GOS, INCLUDING THE NEED FOR MORE RAPID PROGRESS TOWARD A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY, AN AGREEMENT ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS, SALT, AND A SUCCESSFUL UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD).

2. THORSSON SPENT THE BULK OF THE HOUR'S MEETING IN DESCRIBING SWEDISH HOPES FOR A SUCCESSFUL SPECIAL SESSION
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ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD) NEXT SPRING. GOS, SHE SAID, PLANS TO PLAY A MOST ACTIVE ROLE IN THE SESSION AND PREPARATIONS LEADING THERETO. SHE REVIEWED SWEDISH CTB TREATY DRAFT AND ITS SUBSEQUENT REFINEMENT. SHE SAID GOS IS FOLLOWING WITH GREAT INTEREST BILATERAL TALKS IN WASHINGTON AND TRILATERAL TALKS AT GENEVA ON CTB. SWEDEN WAS WELL AWARE OF THE DIFFICULTIES, PARTICULARLY ON PNE ISSUE, BUT THE

PROGRESS GENERALLY HAS BEEN ENCOURAGING. ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS ISSUE, THORSSON SAID MEANINGFUL PROGRESS IS ADMITTEDLY DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF COMPLEXITY OF VERIFICATION. US-SOVIET NEGOTIATIONS MUST DEVELOP "CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES" WHICH WILL PERMIT PRACTICAL AGREEMENT BEING REACHED. THORSSON THEN ALLUDED TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S MOST RECENT COMMENTS ON SALT II AND US DETERMINATION TO PROCEED WITHOUT DELAY TO SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING FURTHER NUCLEAR WEAPONS REDUCTIONS.

3. REFERRING TO SSOD, THORSSON CONFIRMED THAT GOS WOULD PUSH HARD FOR NORDIC PROPOSAL FOR LONG-TERM STUDY ON LINKAGE BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND LDC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. SHE RECALLED THAT THE 70'S IS THE DECADE OF BOTH DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT AND "OF COURSE" THERE IS LINKAGE BETWEEN THE TWO OBJECTIVES. GOS IS CONFIDENT WALDHEIM WILL BE INSTRUCTED BY CURRENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DESIGNATE AN INTER-GOVERNMENTAL PANEL OF EXPERTS TO WORK OUT, BY APRIL 1, 1978, MANDATE AND TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR SSOD ACTION ON NORDIC PROPOSAL. SHE MENTIONED THAT CONCURRENTLY, SWEDES HOPE RESOURCE STUDY CAN BE PREPARED, USING MODIFICATION OF LEONTIEFF WORLD ECONOMY MODEL, FOR SSOD CONSIDERATION.

4. AS DEPARTMENT AND INFO ADDRESSEES WELL AWARE, AMBASSADOR THORSSON IS A MOST ENGAGING PERSONALITY, AND AUTHENTIC
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EXPERT AND A PASSIONATE ADVOCATE OF DISARMAMENT. SHE SPOKE FREQUENTLY AND WITH OBVIOUS WARMTH OF HER MEETINGS WITH ACDA DIRECTOR WARNKE, AMBASSADOR LEONARD AND OTHER US OFFICIALS. SHE PRAISED THE OPENNESS OF HER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE US SIDE AND SHE IS PLAINLY ENCOURAGED BY THE NEW EMPHASIS PLACED ON DISARMAMENT OBJECTIVE BY THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION. ON LEAVING, THE AMBASSADOR ASSURED THORSSON THAT HE WELCOMED WITH ENTHUSIASM HER INITIATIVES FOR DIALOGUE WITH THE EMBASSY AND HE EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO HER, WHICH WAS READILY ACCEPTED TO ADDRESS AN EMBASSY STAFF MEETING IN JANUARY ON THE GENERAL THEME OF DISARMAMENT.

6. A REPORT ON MRS. THORSSON'S APPEARANCE AT A DISARMAMENT FORUM IN STOCKHOLM ON OCTOBER 25 SENT SEPTEL.
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